

# RUMANIA DEBATES POSITION

20,000 Frenchmen  
Landed in Norway  
in Allies' Drive

British Raid Trondheim, Southern Nazi-Held Port

**TO SPLIT NORWAY**

Germans Plan to Hold  
Southern, and Best, Half

PARIS — (AP) — Allied reinforcements to Norway to bolster the Norwegian defenses against the German invaders are steadily increasing it was understood here Wednesday. Some estimates placed the number of French troops at about 20,000.

Stockholm — (AP) — A heavy bomb attack on the 50-year-old Norwegian fortress at Hegra, 25 miles east of Trondheim, opened Wednesday to have silenced the fortress' batteries, it was reported here.

British Raid Trondheim

LONDON — (AP) — The air ministry announced Wednesday that British warplanes had carried out bombing attacks on the airport at Trondheim, strategic German-held port on Norway's west coast, and on the seaplane base nearby.

Earlier, Britain disclosed the loss of one of her new submarines, the Thistle, while her forces in Norway apparently were racing the Germans for control of Trondheim.

The Thistle was a 1,575-ton vessel, and normally carried 55 men.

Military observers expressed the view that the drive for Trondheim was developing as the first phase of British land operations in Norway.

They said British forces already are in control of Narvik, and believed to be moving south toward the German army which is pushing north from Oslo, and Bergen in an attempt to cut Norway in two and retain the southern half, which contains almost everything of value in the invaded kingdom.

British Ship Hit

Is Urged by Pope

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DNB official German news agency, said full details of the aerial blows in the German attack on British naval forces off the Norwegian southwest coast are still to be learned.

The report followed upon a German high command communiqué announcing the sinking of a destroyer, 1,870 tons, of the "Tribal" class and the bombing of a battleship, the Schlachtfrei.

DNB reported a heavy British bombardment of the northern German-held Norwegian port of Narvik.

## CRANUM CRACKERS

Recent Deaths

The five people mentioned here died some time during 1939. In their lifetimes, their names were in the papers on frequent occasions. Identify each person:

- 1. Claude A. Swanson.
- 2. C. M. Schwab.
- 3. J. Hamilton Lewis.
- 4. Robert G. Elliott.
- 5. H. F. McElroy.

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## Have You Been Counted?

The census of Hope is nearing completion. If you have not been counted or if you know of anyone the census takers have skipped, won't you please call the Chamber of Commerce, Phone 940, and report the fact.

The Chamber of Commerce wants every person living inside the city limits counted in the population of Hope, and it needs your help to see that this is done.

Ask your neighbors and friends if the census takers have visited them. Do it now. Next week will be too late. You can do your town a splendid service by reporting anyone not counted to the Chamber of Commerce, Phone 940.

R. P. Bowen, Secretary  
Hope Chamber of Commerce

## Community Spirit Topic of Address

Kroger Branch Manager Kiwanis Speaker Wednesday

G. E. Houston, branch manager of Arkansas for the Kroger food stores, was the guest speaker at the Wednesday noon Kiwanis club luncheon at Hotel Barlow. Wednesday's program was presided over by Cecil Denner.

Mr. Houston's subject was, "Community Spirit." The speaker emphasized the advantages in living in an American community. He pointed out that 71 per cent of all automobiles in the world were owned in America, and that 52 per cent of all telephones and 40 per cent of all radios were owned by Americans.

"It is estimated," the speaker continued, "that Americans spend ten billions of dollars annually just for pleasure." Mr. Houston expressed gratitude for the freedom of press and speech in the United States.

B. E. McMahan was accepted as new member in the club, Earl Erion and Johnnie Wade, members of the club who have moved from Hope to El Dorado and Little Rock respectively, were present for Wednesday's meeting.

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Dr. Don Smith, city health physician, was authorized to proceed with the city-wide mosquito campaign along the same lines as it was conducted last year.

In addition to these four, many other Grand Lodge officers are expected to attend.

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Girl Scouts Plan May Pilgrimage

Interesting Homes in Hope Included on Tour

For the benefit of the Girl Scouts of Hope the local council of Girl Scouts is sponsoring on May 1 a pilgrimage to 12 interesting homes and public places in Hope.

Members of the Girl Scout troops will serve as guides to the various places where there will be on display a countywide flower exhibit, a collection of old glass and China, the largest private collection of Indian relics in the United States, an exhibit of hooked rugs, quilts and old coverlets, a collection of old dolls, a display of decorated tables, and a parade of old costumes.

Some of the most modern and attractive of homes as well as those of outstanding beauty and interest will be opened for this tour.

Japan does not decimate its soldiers for bravery in action.

Collins, M'Dowell Families in Wreck

A Hope car with seven occupants, comprising two local families, turned over at a curve entering Bradley, Ark., last Sunday morning, but no one was seriously injured. Driving the car was C. C. Collins, accompanied by Mrs. Collins and three children; and also in the car were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mc'Dowell. It was the 13th wreck at this particular curve, Mr. Collins reported.

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Above the mines soars air power.

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## A Thought

If we keep ourselves from opportunities, God will keep us from sin.—George Eliot.

This Junkers transport carries 40 passengers in addition to crew. The Germans must depend on these planes to take their troops to Norway, now that the British navy is mining their waters and blasting their ships.

## New Paving Will Begin in a Few Days, Young Says

Work to Be Started As Quickly as Materials Arrive

## INSTALL OFFICERS

2 New Aldermen Are Inducted Into Office Tuesday Night

Alderman E. P. Young told the Hope city council Tuesday night that negotiations had been completed for the black-top paving of three blocks of East Third street, beginning at the end of Highway 67 and extending west.

Mr. Young said materials had been ordered and that actual work would be started as quickly as the materials arrive.

## Install Aldermen

Syd McMath presided over the meeting and gave the oath of office to T. R. Billingsley as city clerk who is beginning another term in that office.

Mr. Billingsley then swore in Alderman E. P. Young from Ward One to succeed himself; Jesse Brown, new alderman from Ward Two, who succeeds L. A. Keith; Ross Spears, new alderman from Ward Three, who succeeds F. D. Henry; and C. E. Cassidy from Ward Four, who succeeds himself for another term.

The oath of office will be administered to E. F. McFadden as city attorney at a later date. Mr. McFadden was not present, having been called out of town several days ago on other business matters.

Alderman Spears was named temporary chairman of the ordinance committee, and Alderman Brown was selected as temporary chairman of the sidewalk committee. The new alderman also will replace Mr. Keith and Mr. Henry as members of other committees.

Other matters before the council was the granting of permission to the American Legion post to hold a jollity race at Fair Park Sunday afternoon, April 21, at 2:30 o'clock.

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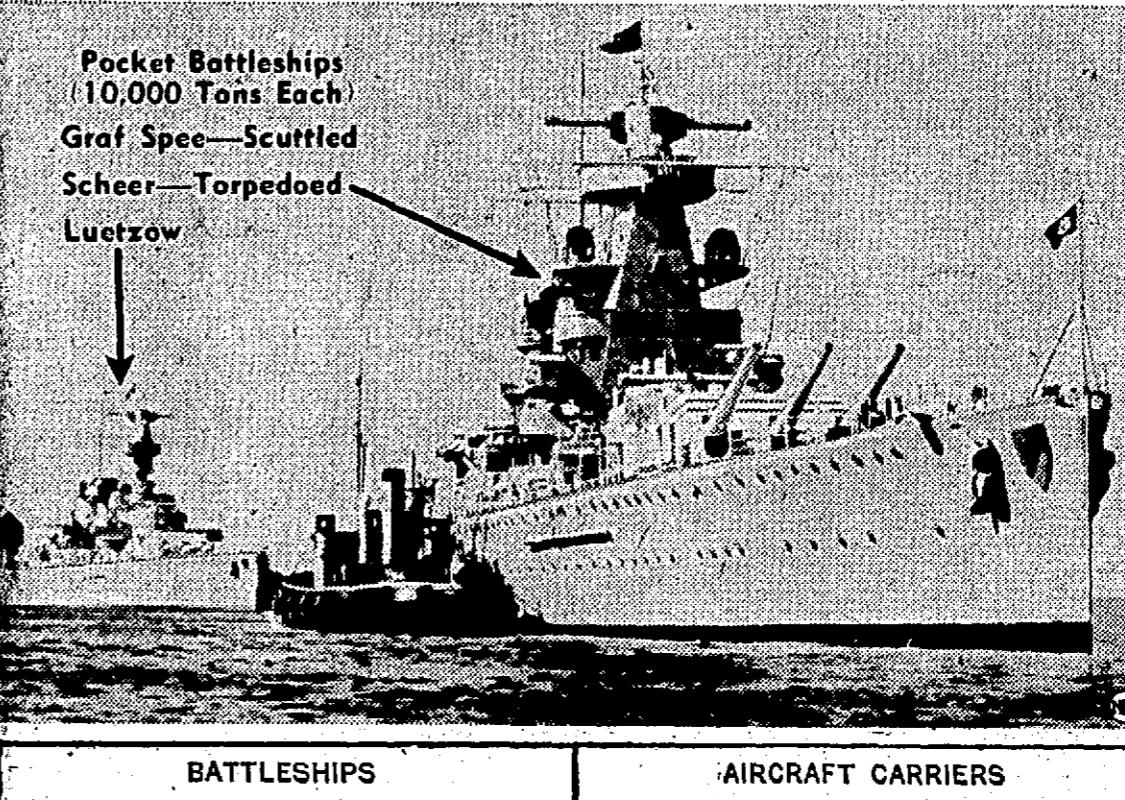
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## How Naval War Takes Toll of German Fleet



BATTLESHIPS		AIRCRAFT CARRIERS	
Name		Name	Tonnage
Bismarck	37,500	Graf Zeppelin	19,250
Scharnhorst	26,000	Karlsruhe	6,000
Gneisenau	26,000	Koeln	6,000
Schlesien	13,040	Koenigsberg	6,000
Schleswig-Holstein	13,040	Nernberg	6,000
		Leipzig	6,000
		Emden	5,400
		(Name Unknown)	8,000
		Reported Loss	
		Confirmed Loss	

War has hit hard at Germany's small fleet, with losses reported suffered in every tonnage class of her naval vessels. Chart shows the principal units of the Nazi navy, exclusive of submarines and destroyers, as they stood at the start of the war and shows losses, reported and confirmed. One of the two surviving pocket battleships, Scheer and Luetzow (formerly the Deutschland), is believed to have been damaged by British bombs in the raid on Kiel last September, and the Scheer was reported torpedoed during the naval battles in the Skagerrak. Sweden has reported, without any confirmation, that several cruisers were sunk by the British during the Skagerrak encounters. The British list as sunk 12 out of 22 German destroyers and approximately 60 out of 71 submarines.

Mrs. Bodenhamer Answers Senator

Asserts Mrs. Caraway's Objection "Mis-informed" One

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Mrs. Irene Bodenhamer contended Wednesday Senator Caraway's objection to her appointment as postmaster of El Dorado was based on "misinformation."

Mrs. Bodenhamer came here to appear before the senate postoffice committee at a hearing on her nomination.

Rep. Kitchens, who recommended the appointment, said he would introduce scores of telegrams and letters to support her.

Musical Program at Rosston Friday

The Ladies Auxiliary of Rosston will sponsor the appearance of the Elks Brothers and their gang at the Rosston High School auditorium Friday night, April 19.

The United States-Canadian border is made up of 2198 miles of water and only 1788 miles of land.

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the women's auxiliary of the Ouachita Presbyterian synod of Arkansas, was convened here in the First Presbyterian church Tuesday morning for a two-day session.

The meeting was attended by 119 persons, including 11 Presbyterian officers, eight auxiliary presidents, two synodical officers, 25 delegates and 73 visitors, with 22 churches being represented.

Mrs. R. V. Hall of Texarkana is president and will continue in that position another year. Other carryover officers are Mrs. Robert Hendrick, Texarkana, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. W. W. Bruggeman, Texarkana, historian.

Other officers were elected Tuesday afternoon. These were Mrs. P. H. Phillips, Ashdown, vice president; Mrs. Thomas Brewster, Hope, treasurer; and Mrs. C. H. Moore, Prescott, recording secretary.

Several secretaries of cause were elected, including Mrs. F. R. Young, Malvern, secretary of religious education; Mrs. Charles Sewell, Malvern, secretary of Christian social service; Mrs. Frank Jenkins, El Dorado, secretary of assembly of home missions. The other secretaries of cause will hold office another year.

Installation services were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday.

Ladies of the Elizabethan period anointed their hair with a pomade composed of the pulp of pears mixed with rosemary and lard.

With 10 dwellings to the acre, the whole population of the earth could be housed comfortably in an area the size of Kansas.

## Senate Surprises by Okechuk Nazi Timberland



# SOCIETY

Mrs. Sid Henry

Telephone 321

## Greatness

Not every combat brings one victory, but every triumph swings in right accord. Sometimes defeat grows into mastery and makes a lord. No sudden spring can prove enduring, but plodding upward builds the superman.

As blood-stained foot prints on the grades display; This is God's plan.

Then seeking guidance at each interval, Before each morass o'er the pathless moor, Man learns that greatness is no terminal. It is the tour.

—Selected.

Mrs. Tom Carrel has returned from a ten days stay in Rochester Minn. where she underwent a sinus operation and recheck at the Mayo Clinic.

Circle No. 6 W. M. S. First Baptist church held a most interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Bluford Chaney, Edgewood Avenue. A short business period was conducted by Mrs. Irwin Uriey, circle chairman, after which, Mrs. Chaney conducted a most interesting discussion on the third chapter of the Study Book, "Stewardship Parables of Jesus." The hostess served a very delightful ice course during the visiting hour.

Mrs. W. R. Anderson left Tuesday for Kirksville, Mo. where she was called to attend a relative who is seriously ill at her home in that city. She was accompanied by Gupton Jackson a distant relative from Philadelphia.

Attending the 36th annual two-day meeting of the Womans Auxiliary of the Ouachita Presbytery in Arkadelphia on Tuesday from the local Auxiliary were Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Brewster, Mrs. Brewster was elected Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Simms, local president, Mrs. N. T. Jewell, Mrs. Carter Johnson, Mrs. L. A. Foster, Mrs. E. O. Wingfield, Mrs. Fred Cook, Dr. Etta Champlin, Mrs. Dorothy McRae and Miss Annie Allen. Greetings from the Presbytery were extended by Dr. Brewster. Miss Mamie Twitchell responded to Mrs. David McMillan's greetings.

Mrs. Annie Irwin left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Harrison, Ark.

Mrs. A. B. Spraggins has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Gia Bunch and niece, Mrs. J. H. Bolton and Mr. Bolton in Dallas.

Play to Be Given at Laneburg Thursday

"Optimistic Oscar" a comedy in three acts by Charles George, will be presented by the Sutton young people in the high school auditorium Thursday night, April 18 at Laneburg. The funds will be used for a payment on the piano at Old Harmony church.

Cast of characters:

Adam Martin—A mechanic—Raymond Jordan.

Mary Martin—His wife—Mrs. Howell Harris.

Mac Martin—their elder daughter—Irma Lee Chermely.

Belva Martin—their younger daughter—Mary Jim Sutton.

Chester Martin—the son—Weldon Smith.

Milton Byron—a young grocery clerk—Harold Palmer.

Ida Linton—Chester's girl friend—Cora Ella Reese.

Oscar Oswald Ostermoor—a young "go-getter"—Thorburn Galloway.

## RIALTO NOW

John Garfield  
Priscilla Lane

## "DUST BE My DESTINY"

— and —  
Fred MacMurry  
Mareline Carroll

## "HONEYMOON IN BALI"

## SAENGER NOW "HOUSE ACROSS THE BAY"

Thursday - Friday  
Matinee Thursday


## MAE WEST & W.C. FIELDS My Little Chickadee

Coming Sunday  
Gable — Crawford  
'STRANGE CARGO'

Stimpy was conducted by Mrs. Fred Fomby, after which, the hostess served ice cream with angel food cake.

Honoring Mrs. Edie Davis, a recent bride, Mrs. Jack Brady and Miss Inez Taylor entertained with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. W. H. Boyette on North Walnut street Monday night. Entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Ruel Oliver and Mrs. Frank Dunn. The honoree was presented with a number of lovely refreshments. Refreshments were served to the large number of guests. Mrs. Brady and Miss Taylor were assisted by Miss Mae Chambers and Mrs. W. H. Boyette.

Is First Opening Day  
No-Hit Contest on  
Record

CHICAGO (AP)—Bob Feller of Cleve-

land carved himself a big niche

in baseball's hall of fame as the

American League season opened Tues-

day, pitching an amazing no-hit game

to defeat the Chicago White Sox

6 to 0, before 14,000 fans.

It was one of the first, if not the

first, opening day no-hit contest in

baseball's history—one which ended

after two hours and 24 minutes of

play as Ray Mack, Indian second

sacker, made a great knockdown of

Taft Wright's grounder and tossed

him out at first by a step.

Feller, who struck out eight bats-

men and walked five, earned the

decision on two timely Indian safes

in the fourth inning. Jeff Heath

Ken Kellner had fled out, Heath

scored on a triple to right by Fel-

ler's catcher and friend, Rollie Hen-

ner.

Subtle Attack

BUCHAREST (AP)—Should Russians

march into Bessarabia, Rumania plans

to use brandy as well as bullets to re-

pulse them.

In the last war, when Russians were

in Rumania as allies, Rumanians say

they guzzled all the liquor they could

get their hands on and that their

drunkenness resulted in several de-

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Gas Gas All Time

Mrs. J. E. Feller says "Gas on my stomach was so bad I couldn't eat or

even seemed to press on my heart. Advised to drink brandy for quick relief. Now, I eat

as I wish, sleep fine, never feel better."

CARDUI so often helps in such cases

for it sharpens appetite, boosts flow

of gastric juices; so improves digestion

helps build physical resistance.

CARDUI, taken a few days before

and during "the time," is another

way to help periodic distress. Used

50 years.

Many varieties of lizards are capable of discarding their tails.

## Important for Women

A weak, run-down condition often gives a foothold to functional dysmenorrhea, causing much periodical distress from headaches, nervousness, cramp-like pains for women. CARDUI so often helps in such cases for it sharpens appetite, boosts flow of gastric juices; so improves digestion helps build physical resistance. CARDUI, taken a few days before and during "the time," is another way to help periodic distress. Used 50 years.



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and

SHORTS

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**SUITS**

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Children's - Misses'

**ANKLETS**

**9c** pair

Women's Smart

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PAY CASH AND PAY LESS  
**REPHAN'S**  
"THE FRIENDLY STORE"

## Trans-Atlantic Clipper Opens New Air Base



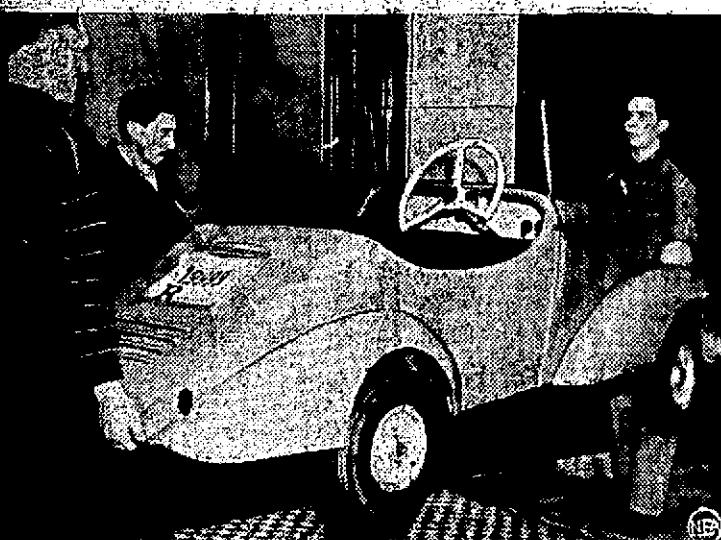
To the cheers of 50,000 spectators, La Guardia Field, New York's new municipal airport at North Beach, L. I., was inaugurated as an international seaplane base when the Yankee Clipper left for Lisbon, Portugal, after impressive dedication ceremonies. The air view of the Marine Base, above, shows the giant flying boat, with nine passengers and a record load of 5093 pounds of mail, taking off.

## Medwick Makes Hit With Kids, Too



There was no question who the kids' hero was while the slugging buntler, Joe Medwick, was not in the lineup of the St. Louis Cardinals in exhibition games.

## It Gets 165 Miles to the Gallon



Italy's gasoline rationing needn't bother the owner of this new micro-car. It gets 165 miles to the gallon of gas. Tank is empty, it goes seven hours more on a battery. Batteries dead, it has pedals, by which driver's foot power can run it indefinitely. And, as pictured, it can be picked up and "garaged" in the vestibule at night. Car was recently developed by 16-year-old Marcello Creti, in Rome, Italy.

## A Royal Peek at a Sister Princess



Princess Maria Pia, daughter of the Italian Crown Prince and Princess, was pictured in Rome recently, gazingly inspecting her month-old sister, Princess Maria Gabriella, asleep in her crib.

## Angry Briton Rushes Photographer



Our photographer had to move quickly after snapping this picture in London recently, for his subject, Sir Charles Allom, British architect and contractor, vehemently objected, and started on the double for the photographer, swinging his cane. Sir Charles, recently mentioned in the House of Commons as being concerned in contract charges, threatened to thrash the laborite MP who made the charge.

## Suntan Souvenir



Newlyweds on Honeymoon Isle, off Tampa, Fla., will return to their homes with suntanned souvenirs of their free honeymoons. Two arrow-linked hearts, bearing the initials "H. I." are sunburned on their legs by the stencil displayed above by Mrs. C. H. Birnholz, of New York.

## Film Star Hopes To Shine Again



Anna Q. Nilsson, popular star of the silent film days, is pictured on her arrival in New York from her native Sweden. She plans to become an American citizen and make a screen comeback.

## Watchmen of the Air



Although armies today are immeasurably better equipped with scouting and observation planes than in World War days, the captive sausage balloon is still of great value in spotting enemy activity from the air. The French army uses many like the one above, which was photographed near the Western Front.

## NEWS ITEM: Man Scratches Hand



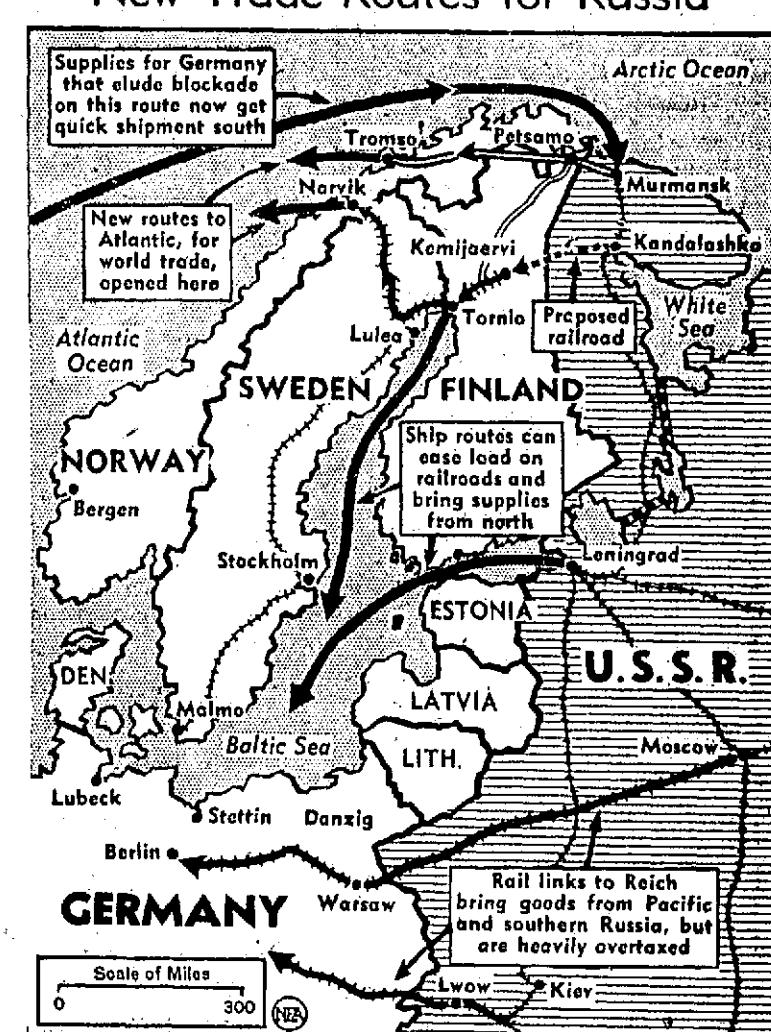
If you wonder where Lady Luck hangs out, it's near Nashville, Tenn. That's where this crash happened. The sedan became junk. The huge trailer truck was damaged. The small car's driver got a scratched hand. His passenger and the truck's driver were unhurt.

## New Trade Routes for Russia

## Finnish Invasion Of Hollywood



Ida Cherkassky, 18-year-old Finnish screen beauty, will seek a place in American films, she said on her arrival in New York.



Russia, with but two windows to the western world six months ago, follows conquests of Finland and Poland with seven direct routes to world commerce channels. Victory over Finland opens new shipping routes for military and agricultural supplies to the Soviet ally, Germany, and provides direct rail and road links to the north Atlantic.

## At the Height Of Their Fame



This graceful pose, held by Hollywood skaters Gene Theislof and Ann Taylor, shows why they scored a hit in their first eastern appearance at the recent Carnival of the Skating Club of New York.

## 'Oh, Gosh, Let's See Now...



The Federal census question: "How Many Weeks Did You Work in 1939?" will be a tough one on film-acting folk. They reckon working time in terms of pictures made, rather than in days. Here's star Alice Faye doing some fingertip calculation for census enumerator William Reiting in her Hollywood home.



## Arkadelphia After Newsprint Plant

Makes Bid for Site in Event of Early Establishment

LITTLE ROCK.—(P)—Talk of a possible newsprint paper plant for Arkansas brought a delegation of Arkadelphians before the state agricultural and industrial commission with a bid for the plant site if such an industry is actually established.

The visit prompted an explanation from Director H. K. Thatcher of the commission that the commission was making a timber survey of the entire state, but with particular reference to some 16 Southwest Arkansas counties, charting ownership of timber tracts, along with water resources, power, transportation and market possibilities necessary to the operation of a newsprint plant.

This and the last necessity—capital for establishment and operation—are all being looked into now, Thatcher said, "and I must emphasize that no phase of our investigation is yet complete."

The Arkadelphia party was headed by H. A. Daugherty, president of the Merchants and Planters Bank; George S. Dews, Chamber of Commerce secretary; H. W. McMillian, attorney, and Judge George Wills, who projected Arkadelphia as its immediate vicinity as a "perfect site" for newsprint manufacture.

The city was described as the center of the 16-county area with largest pine and gum production in the state, having a "tremendous water supply," transportation facilities, and potential labor. Dews said interested groups could practically guarantee timber production on 100,000 acres.

The commission announced unanimous approval of state tax exemptions for two Arkansas manufacturing plants. One was described as recently constructed and valued at \$33,000, having an anticipated annual pay roll of \$12,000 to \$15,000. The other was an addition to a smaller plant which will increase the company's pay roll about \$50 a month.

Both would be exempted for ten years if Governor Bailey approves the action of the commission.

The shadbush got its name from the Indians because it "blossoms when the shad swim up the creeks."

## Need Laxative? Take All-Vegetable One!

Don't let impatience with constipation lead you into harsh measures for relief. Gentle, but thorough action usually follows a good night's rest. BLACK-DRAUGHT is taken bedtime by simple directions. Its principal ingredient helps tone bowel muscles. Next time, take all-vegetable, spicy, aromatic, time-tested BLACK-DRAUGHT. It is economical: 25¢ to 40¢ does, 25¢.

There has been quite an outcry



British military authorities confirmed reports that British and Canadian troops have landed in Norway. How the Tommies landed is demonstrated in the above picture of maneuvers made the day that Germany invaded Denmark. Some of the soldiers have reached shore in their boats and others

## Fancy Uniform on Streets of London

### But Ordinary Clothes May Be Hard to Get

about poets, dramatists, engineers, all sorts of civilians being given desk jobs in the armed service, being topped with good titles, dolled up in bright, new uniforms. Since they will never smell gunpowder, these London papers have been asking why it is necessary to give these men military titles and uniforms. Many of them do useful work, but it is claimed they could do it just as well in civilian attire.

The situation has inspired the poet laureate of the Daily Mail to incite some verses, part of which go like this:

"I'm Brigadier Mac Whatzit,  
I'm fair and slim and tall,  
And though my rank  
Is purely swank  
Do I care? Not at all.  
I mean to keep my job, you bet,  
In the front line at Whitehall,  
For I'm Brigadier Mac Whatzit,  
And I'm helping win the war.  
And I do and dare in an office chair  
From 10 o'clock till 4."

British May Soon Find Less Variety

If the war goes on in endless, heart-breaking months as the last one did, the day is coming when men in Britain may be wearing coats with frayed cuffs, pants adorned with patches

Almost any night here in London, one is sure to see a flock of men in army, air force and navy uniforms. You say to yourself, it's quite natural—Britain is at war. And then you have second thoughts. The bulk of the army is in France or in training camps. The navy is hard at work on the seven seas. The air force is mostly at its posts here and in France. Allowing for a certain number of officers on leave, the many uniforms you see about you are still out of proportion.

Then you begin to study these officers. Many of them look sleek and well fed—at peace with the world. But it is not for you to cast aspersions. Some of the London press has done it for you.

There has been quite an outcry

## Nazi Bomber Grounded in Norway



NEA Service Telephoto  
Damaged in a battle with British ships off the Scandinavian coast, the Nazi bomber shown above, was forced down in Norway. The German crew set the plane afire before abandoning it.

## Bruce Catton Says:

By BRUCE CATTON  
NEA Washington Correspondent

### War Responsible For Trying Stamp Plan on Cotton

WASHINGTON — Real story back of the extension of the stamp plan to cotton goods is that the Agriculture Department is plenty worried about what the war may do to our export trade.

Plan starts in Memphis May 3, and will be started in two or three other cities within the following fortnight. There are no plans for expansion beyond that. It's strictly an experiment, and the war is the chief reason for it.

Secretary Wallace figures it like this:

War has already hit our agricultural exports; it'll probably hit them worse as time goes on, and may stop some of them—like cotton—entirely.

If that happens, we have to "live at home" and consume things that we used to sell abroad. Hence, it's smart to find out whether the stamp plan would be a workable means of solving that problem. The department already knows what the plan's possibilities are in the case of foods; now it wants to know about cotton.

Grave: "Will Get Small Share"

Cotton is a different sort of problem. Most of the money spent on the food stamp scheme found its way to the farmer. With cotton, not more than about 20 cents out of every dollar will go to the grower; the rest

will go to labor, to distribution and to the retailer. It's the first time the stamp plan has offered a cut to non-agricultural labor, which will get the biggest slice of all.

Plan will be the same as for food stamps, in that the same people—retailers—will participate, and will get free stamps, good in any store, along with the stamps they pay cash for.

Stamps will be good for purchases of cotton goods. The plan will be different in that stamps will be distributed quarterly instead of twice a month; also the outlets will be mostly department stores instead of grocery stores.

Nobody knows yet, of course, whether it will be as popular. Nobody

knows what sort of cotton goods the stamp recipients will want—pillowcases, shirts, underwear, sheets, or whatnot. Nobody is even sure that the plan is administratively feasible. That's why it'll start slowly.

Stamp Plan Expands

Meanwhile, the food stamp plan gives every sign of being destined to go on getting bigger instead of smaller. It's expanding fast now; is operating in 50 cities, will start presently in 20 more, will probably be in 100 by July 1 and 125 shortly thereafter.

Which means costs are going up. By

March 1 of this year, \$5,500,000 had been spent on it; to maintain it through the next fiscal year, which begins in July, at the rate it will be going when July comes, will take anywhere from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Even that doesn't tap the plan's possibilities. Operating in 125 cities the plan will reach only 3,000,000 people—and there are 20,000,000 eligible in the U. S. To let them all in on it would take around \$360,000,000 a year.

Don't be too sure Congress won't eventually vote that. The plan does put a burden of back-home pressure.

This spring, when the Senate was asked to tack \$65,000,000 in stamp fund onto the farm bill, the vote in favor was 79 to 0.

The thing may easily keep on growing until it approaches the maximum.

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## Hollywood Makes Film of Red Ryder

Studio Hands Over \$250,000 for the Picture

By PAUL HARRISON  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD — You might know Red Ryder would get into the movies. Comic strip enthusiasts, especially the kids, will agree the guy has everything, including endless and amazing adventures.

So it's primarily for kids Red Ryder is making his first movie—a serial. You can't always tell about chapter thrillers, though. Republic Studios, which makes the best ones, launches them on the short-pants and half-ribbon circuit (Saturday junior matinees) and a couple of weeks later finds them established on hundreds of theaters' regular bills along with Gabby and Garbo dramas. Lots of exhibitors say serials are like circuses: adults really love 'em but pretend they go only to keep an eye on their youngsters.

No successful western serial is what you would call revolutionary in pattern. "Red Ryder" will be remarkable for three things: the fat budget, a seldom-equalled \$250,000; its costly and elaborate stunts and the number of fights (25 battles in 12 episodes); and, particularly, the authenticity of its casting.

Don Barry Plays Dad's Role

Many a fiction or comic strip character firmly pictured in fans' minds, is an awful disappointment when a human impersonator appears on the screen and talks. But Don Barry seems to be the closest possible approximation of Artist Fred Harman's noble, hell-for-leather hero. Still pictures tend to smooth out much of his facial ruggedness, but he looks like Red Ryder. Also he's broad shouldered and red-headed; he hauls from Texas and rides so well he plays solo.

Little Beaver, Red Ryder's red-skin protege in the adventure strip, is played by Tommy Cook, a fresh 10-year-old in buckskins and grease paint and with a lot of theatrical knowledge under his black wig. His career began back in Duluth, when he entertained his father with dramatic sketches while the elder Cook was ill. His talents brought him to Hollywood by way of the Pasadena Community Playhouse, the Ben Bard Theater, an NBC contract and the Arch Oboler plays.

Most amazing movie prototypes of Fred Harman's cartoon characters probably are Noah Beery, or he is Ace Hanlon to the last mewling leer, and Bob Kortman as One-eye, another in the large cast of heavies. Serials have to have lots of villains so one can be killed off in each episode. Plenty of Suspense Is Scheduled

The studio hasn't yet cast Beth Andrews, the heroine, or the doughty "Duchess." Beth's rancher father already has been murdered by the outlaws. H. S. Brown, who is producing the picture, explained that the cowardly killing of the heroine's father in the first episode of all western serials is essential. For a basic situation on which the story is built, he continued. Formula B-16 was chosen: Calvin Drake, an unscrupulous banker, learns a railroad is coming through the territory, so he sets out to gain control of all the land and secretly engineers a gun-blazing war of intimidation to do it.

Another rule of serial production is that each episode must end in spine-chilling suspense, with hero, heroine or both in some imminent peril. Here are some of the dangers Red Ryder and Beth will encounter. They plunge off a bridge into a river in a runaway stagecoach. Red, battling villain, is nearly trampled by galloping posse. Heavies loose ore car to run over protagonist. Red and Beth get in way of an avalanche. He's cornered by gang of outlaws, caught in path of falling timbers in burning jail, knocked out by dynamite blast, plunged into rocky gorge while riding Thunder. There are lots more like that, but maybe you get the idea.

## District Meeting Nashville Friday

Annual Music Festival and Track Events to Be Held

NASHVILLE — Programs for the music festival and track meet of District Ten A. A. A. were announced Tuesday by E. T. Moody, district president.

The music festival, which will be held in the Nashville high school auditorium, begins Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, and programs will be held there Saturday morning, afternoon and night.

The track meet will begin at Scraper Field Saturday morning at 9 o'clock with the preliminaries occupying the morning and the finals occupying the afternoon.

The program for the music festival is as follows:

Friday, 7:30 p. m. — Girls' trios and boys' quartets.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m.—Girls' ensembles; boys' glee clubs, girls' glee clubs.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m.—Boys' ensembles, mixed choruses, and all festival choral groups.

Registration for all music festival events will be at the high school office.

Preliminaries for all the athletic events will be held at Scraper Field, beginning at 9 a. m. sharp. All contestants in athletic events must report at the athletic field between 8 and 8:45 a. m. Saturday to secure numbers and have eligibility checked.

In the preliminaries, there will be no trials in the 880 yard run, and none will be held in any events which have less than six entries. The hurdles will also be exempt from the preliminaries. The finals in the shot, discus and broad jump for both seniors and juniors will be held immediately after the preliminaries in those events during the morning session. The only field events in which finals will be held in the afternoon

## Attendance Good for Major Games

183,957 Persons Turn Out in Eight Major League Cities

NEW YORK.—(P)—Uncertain whether held down attendance at some games, but the total turnout of 183,957 fans in eight cities sounded a cheerful signal for baseball's 1940 major league season Tuesday.

The campaign was five days old last year before conditions permitted eight games on one day and it was 17 days before any one-day count equalled Tuesday's.

The opening day attendance record was set in 1931 by 189,010 fans.

American League

At Detroit ..... 49,417  
At Washington ..... 31,000  
At Philadelphia ..... 30,187  
At Chicago ..... 14,000

Total ..... 114,604

National League

At Cincinnati (Capacity) ..... 34,342  
At St. Louis ..... 16,800  
At New York ..... 14,349  
At Boston ..... 3,571

Total ..... 69,353

will be the high jump and the pole vault.

The afternoon program will include Pole vault, A and B senior and junior; 120 yard high hurdles, A and B; 120 low hurdles, junior; 880 yard relay, A and B; 400 yard shuttle relay, junior; 440 yard dash, A and B; 220 yard dash, junior; 220 yard dash, A and B; 880 yard run, A and B; 880 yard relay, junior; mile relay, A and E.

The senior A and B events will be conducted at the same time but separate cards will be kept for each division. Relays may be run together if the number of entries is not too large.

New York City has the largest acreage of public parks, but Chicago leads all American cities in the per capita acreage of parks.

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